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***THE EUROPEAN SMALL BUSINESS ACT:  
A GREAT LEAP FORWARD FOR SMEs?***

**DISCUSSION ROUND AND NETWORKING RECEPTION**

**16 SEPTEMBER 2008  
16:00 – 19:00 HOURS**

**VENUE: EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE  
(RUE VAN MAERLANT 2 - 1040 BRUSSELS)**

**ROOM: VAN MAERLANT 1**

**16:00-16:10** Welcome by Ernest-Antoine Seillière, President of BUSINESSEUROPE

**16:10-16:20** Address by Henri Malosse, President of the EESC Employers' Group

**16:20-17:50** Discussion moderated by Huw Jones, Reuters

- **Arndt G. Kirchhoff**, CEO of Kirchhoff Automotive and Chair of BUSINESSEUROPE's Entrepreneurship and SME Committee
- **Françoise Le Bail**, SME Envoy and Deputy Director-General of DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission
- **Othmar Karas**, MEP and Chair of the SME Intergroup, European Parliament
- **Andrea Benassi**, Secretary General of UEAPME
- **C. Boyden Gray**, United States Special Envoy

**17:50-18:00** Closing remarks by Philippe de Buck, Secretary General of BUSINESSEUROPE

**18:00-19:00** Networking reception

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